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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, CI

SUBJECT: CHILE: HUMAN RIGHTS, POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF  
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. POST HAS JUST RECEIVED MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ROGERS FROM ARA/BC COUNTRY DIRECTOR FIMBRES DATED FEB 18  
SUGGESTING UTILITY OF A VISIT BY INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION, OR A SUB-COMMISSION THEREOF, TO CHILE PRIOR TO  
OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JUNE.

2. IN THIS REGARD, AND BEFORE RECEIPT OF ABOVE MENTIONED  
MEMORANDUM, AMBASSADOR HAD COINCIDENTALLY MENTIONED SAME  
SUBJECT TO GOC FINANCE MINISTER JORGE CAUAS AT LUNCH IN  
LATTER'S OFFICE FEB 25. LUNCH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS  
CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, BUT CAUAS STEERED  
MAJOR PART OF DISCUSSION INTO HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD -- DOUBTLESS  
IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERAL MEETINGS HE WILL HAVE WITH PINOCHET  
IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. WHEN ASKED WHAT AMBASSADOR THOUGHT CHILE SHOULD DO TO  
IMPROVE ITS IMAGE AS REGARDS HUMAN RIGHTS, AMBASSADOR MADE  
SERIES OF SUGGESTIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS TO ENGAGE THE INTER-  
AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS THE GOC BEGAN TO PLAN  
FOR SITUATION IT WOULD CONFRONT WHEN OASGA CONVENED IN JUNE.  
AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT IAHRC ACTION COULD BE HELPFUL IN  
LEADING TO ACTUAL EFFECTUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS  
(NOT MERELY ANNOUNCEMENTS) AND NOTED IAHRC MIGHT GIVE CHILE  
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MORE SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT THAN UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WORKING GROUP.

4. WE HOPE TO SEND FURTHER SUGGESTIONS REGARDING US  
PREPARATIONS FOR OASGA, NEXT WEEK.

5. FULL TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S MEMORANDUM TO ARA/BC IN NEXT  
CLASSIFIED POUCH.  
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